

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-24 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add the new claims as shown below.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-24 (canceled)

25. (new) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a liquid crystal panel;
a backlight which includes at least one optical sheet;
a mold frame which holds the at least one optical sheet to be opposite to one of main surfaces of the liquid crystal panel in an opposed manner; and
a metal frame which is fixed to the mold frame to form a picture frame exposing an effective display area of another of the main surfaces of the liquid crystal panel;
wherein the at least one optical sheet is extended along a first direction and a second direction which is transverse to the first direction, has a first side thereof and a second side thereof extended along the second direction and opposite to each other in the first direction, has a projecting portion protruded from the first side thereof in which a first opening is formed, and has a second opening formed at the second side thereof;

wherein the mold frame has a side wall formed at a first periphery thereof, a recessed portion formed in the side wall, and a first columnar member provided in the recessed portion, the projecting portion of the at least one optical sheet being inserted into the recessed portion so that the first columnar member passes through the first opening of the at least one optical sheet;

wherein the mold frame has a second columnar member provided at a second periphery thereof through which the second opening of the at least one optical sheet passes;

wherein the first opening of the at least one optical sheet has a shape which enables the at least one optical sheet with respect to the mold frame to pass the first columnar member through the first opening; and

wherein the second opening of the at least one optical sheet has a length which is extended longer in the first direction than a length in the second direction so as to hold the at least one optical sheet with respect to the mold frame by passing the second columnar member through the second opening loosely in contrast to the first opening.

26. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein the at least one optical sheet is one of at least one light diffusion sheet and at least one prism sheet.

27. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein the at least one optical sheet includes at least one light diffusion sheet and at least one prism sheet.

28. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein the first columnar member is integrally formed with the mold frame.

29. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein the second opening is formed in one of an elliptical shape, an oblong shape, a polygonal shape, and a slit-shape which has a length extended longer in the first direction than a length of the first opening.

30. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein the first columnar member is extended so as to face a side surface of the liquid crystal panel, and controls the liquid crystal panel to a given position.

31. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein the projecting portion is seated in the recessed portion and is fixed to the mold frame by an adhesive tape while the first columnar member is inserted into the first opening.

32. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein an insertion member having a pin shape with a head formed separately from the mold frame is utilized as the first columnar member, and the insertion member is fitted into a hole formed at the recessed portion in the side wall of the mold frame.

33. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 32, wherein a side wall of the head of the insertion member provides a positioning guide for the liquid crystal panel.

34. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein a sleeve is fitted on the columnar member into which the first opening of the at least one optical sheet is inserted so as to fix the at least one optical sheet to the mold frame by inserting the first opening thereinto.